

Forest Land-Sangali

**Transfer of lease in respect of diversion
of 2.56 ha. of forest land out of 16.882
ha. of Gut/Survey No. 381/A/1,
Compartment No. 134 of Village
Devikhindi, taluka Khanapur, District
Sangli from the Original user i.e. Sri
Maruti Wind Park developers, Satara in
whose favour forest land was diverted,
to new user agency i.e. ITC Limited,
India Tobacco Division, Plot B 27,
M.I.D.C. Ranjangaon, taluka Shirur,
Pune-412220, Maharashtra.**

Government of Maharashtra

Revenue and Forest Department

Government Order No.: FLD-2111/C.R.112/F-10

Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.

Date: 30.11.2023

Ref.:

- 1) Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Regional Office, Bhopal Letter No. 6-MHC 066/2011-BHO/646, dt.20.04.2012 & No.6-MHC 066/2011-BHO/558, dt.26.03.2013.
- 2) Shri. Maruti Wind Park Developers, Sangali District Letter No. SMWPD/Lease - Tr/Sangali/68/2013-14, dt.17.09.2013 & Letter No. MPUN/CM/RE/001, dt.30.12.2019.
- 3) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Kolhapur/ID-12002/(17)/1329/2022-23, dt.25.08.2022.
- 4) Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi Letter F.No. 8-84/2002-FC, dt.14.05.2004 & dt.20.02.2006.
- 5) Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, Letter even No. Dt. 03.10.2022.
- 6) Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Regional Office, Bhopal Letter No. 6-MHC-006/2011-BHO/11040, dt.23.01.2023.
- 7) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/ Nodal/Kolhapur/ID-12002(27)/65/2023-24, dt.06.04.2023.
- 8) Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, Letter even No. Dt. 02.05.2023 and 10.08.2023.
- 9) Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Regional Office, Bhopal Letter No. 6-MHC-066/2011-BHO/12410, dt.02.11.2023.

Order :

Whereas, Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office, Bhopal, vide its letters referred at sr. no.1 above, has given ‘in-principle’ and ‘formal approval’ for diversion of 16.882 ha. of Reserve and Unclassed forest land for installation of wind power project to M/s Sri Maruti Wind Park Developers, Satara at Village Pimpri Bud, Tal. Atpadi and Devikhindi, Tal. Khanapur, District Sangli on the area mentioned in the schedule appended to the Government of Maharashtra letter No.FLD 2011/ CR-112/ F-10, dated 12.09.2011,

AND whereas, M/s Sri Marui Wind Park Developers, Satara has completed erection of windmills project at Village Pimpri Bud, Tal. Atpadi and Devikhindi, Tal. Khanapur District Sangli;

AND whereas, M/s Sri Maruti Wind Park Developers, Satara, vide its letters referred at sr. no. 2 above, has applied for the transfer of lease of 2.56 ha. of forest land respectively of the above project in favour of investors/ power producers ITC Limited, India Tobacco Division, Plot B27, M.I.D.C Ranjangaon, Taluka Shirur, Pune-412220, Maharashtra;

AND whereas, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur, vide his letters referred at sr. no. 3 above, forwarded this proposal to Government of Maharashtra for its recommendation to Government of India;

AND whereas, Government of India, vide its letters referred at sr. no. 4 above has approved the policy to transfer the lease of diverted forest land in favour of investors/ power producers;

AND whereas, after careful scrutiny of the proposals, Government of Maharashtra, vide its letters referred at sr. no. 5 above has recommended the transfer the lease of 2.56 ha. of forest land respectively in favour of investors power producers to Government of India;

AND whereas, Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office, Nagapur vide its letters referred at sr. no.6 above has accorded its permission to transfer the lease of 2.56 ha. of forest land from M/s Sri Maruti Wind Park Developers, Satara to investors/ power producers, ITC Limited, India Tobacco Division, Plot B 27, M.I.D.C Ranjangaon, Taluka Shirur, Pune-412220, Maharashtra;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letter under reference No.7 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the State of Maharashtra and requested for further consideration of Government of India;

AND whereas, the State Government vide letters under reference No.8 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Government of India;

AND whereas, the Government of India vide letters under reference No.9 has mentioned, that no further orders shall be issued in this matter and the approval accorded vide letter under ref. no.6 shall be taken as Final approval;

Now therefore, the Government of Maharashtra hereby directs that, the lease of 2.56 ha. of Forest land out of 16.882 ha. of Gut / Survey No. 381/A/1, Compartment No. 134 of Village Devikhindi, Taluka Khanapur, District Sangli be diverted from M/s Shri Maruti Wind Park Developers, Satara to investors power producers, ITC Limited, India Tobacco Division,

Plot B 27, M.I.D.C Ranjangaon, Taluka Shirur, Pune-412220, Maharashtra. This approval shall be effected subject to the compliance of terms and conditions mentioned in the letter of Government of India dated 23.01.2023 and fulfilment of following conditions-

1. User Agency, Investors and/or Power Producers shall comply with all the conditions mentioned in the order of in-principle approval, formal approval letters of Government of India for the diversion of forest land.
2. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Kolhapur shall ensure the strict compliance of the conditions by the User Agency. CCF will furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.
3. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Government of India's letter, this order and Rules and Guidelines made / issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, shall amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.
4. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests/ Deputy Conservator of Forests shall report through the State Government to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Regional Office, West-Central Zone, Nagpur as per procedure laid down in the clause 1.9 of guidelines on 25/10/1992 under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980,

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

Copy to:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
2. Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
5. Principal Secretary (Energy), I.E. & L. Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai.
6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, M.S., Nagpur

7. APCCF& Chief Executive Officer (Maha-CAMPA), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
8. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), M.S., Nagpur
9. Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Kolhapur.
10. Collector, Sangali.
11. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Sangali.
12. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sangali.
13. Sri. Maruti Wind Park Developers, Sushil, 30, Army Officers Colony, Sadar bazar, Satara-415001.
14. ITC Limited, India Tobacco Division, Plot B27, M.I.D.C Ranjangaon, Taluka Shirur, Pune-412220.
15. Select File, Desk F-10.

- I. Collector- Sangali, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Sangali and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sangali are hereby directed to forward the copy of this order to concerned Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.
- II. ITC Limited, India Tobacco Division, Plot B 27, M.I.D.C Ranjangaon, Taluka Shirur, Pune is hereby directed that they should publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each Survey, Gut No.etc. along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the State Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and other in English language. Copy of the Newspapers be submitted to Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Kolhapur & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sangali.
- III. Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government are hereby directed to display the same on their notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.